

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 16-17 and amend claims 5- 7 and 18-19.

Claims 1-4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (currently amended)

5. A cake container for holding cake or other food which includes a base (14) lying on a vertical container axis (18), said base having a cake-supporting base surface (20) and having a largely cylindrical base peripheral wall (24) centered on said container axis and extending around said cake-supporting base surface, said cake container also including a cover (16) that has a greater height than said base and that has a largely cylindrical cover peripheral wall (30) centered on said container axis, wherein:

said base peripheral wall has a plurality of radially outwardly-projecting dimples (26);

said cover peripheral wall has a plurality of dimple-receiving regions (32) each formed by a radially-outward deformed region of said cover peripheral wall, said dimple-receiving regions each having a chimney (52) about as wide as one of said dimples to receive a dimple in a chimney upper portion (60) by the cover being lowered around the base while chimney lower ends initially lie directly over said dimples;

said dimple-receiving regions each having a dimple-receiving cavity (54) connected to one of said chimney upper portions to receive one of said dimples when the cover is turned about said cover axis after the dimple has reached said chimney upper portion;

said base and said cover are each formed of a resilient plastic sheet of a thickness on the order of 0.020 inch that has been deformed, and walls of said dimple-receiving regions and said dimples each can deflect radially to assure that the dimples can be received in the dimple-receiving regions despite tolerances in

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manufacture, and said cover is formed of a transparent plastic sheet, whereby to allow a person to view a dimple as it moves in a dimple-receiving region.

Claim 6 (currently amended)

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6. The cake container described in claim 5, wherein:

said dimple-receiving cavities each have a transition location (62) between its chimney upper portion (60) and a dimple-holding cavity (54), said transition location forming a resilient narrowing through which the corresponding dimple must pass ~~to provide~~ and that provides resistance to dimple movement between the dimple holding cavity and the chimney upper portion.

Claim 7 (currently amended)

7. The cake container described in claim 6 wherein:

said narrowing is in ~~the~~ a radial direction (0,1) of the transition location with the radial direction being a direction radial to said vertical container axis.

Claims 8-17 (canceled).

Claim 18 (currently amended)

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18. A cake container for holding a cake or other pastry food, which includes a base member (14) of a formed first plastic sheet on which the pastry food lies and a transparent cover member (16) of a formed second plastic sheet that is transparent to allow a buyer to see the pastry food, said base and cover member being centered on a vertical axis (18), wherein:

a first of said members (14, 16) forms a plurality of dimples (26) in its plastic sheet, each dimple having inner and outer surfaces with one surface forming a projection and the other surface forming a recess;

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a second of said members forms a plurality of vertically extending hollow chimneys (52) that each receives the projection of one of said dimples, said

second member also forms dimple-receiving cavities (54) each with a wall (42) that prevents a dimple from moving in a vertical direction that would disconnect the members, each dimple constructed to pass from one of said chimneys into one of said dimple-receiving cavities when said cover is turned about said axis, the plastic sheets of said members being deflectable to enable close reception of each dimple in a dimple-receiving cavity by radial deflection (L₀) of the members;

said second member forms a transition location (62) between each chimney and each corresponding dimple-receiving cavity, each transition location has a constriction to resist turning of said cover on said base to move one of said dimples through the constriction into one said chimneys.

Claim 19 (currently amended)

19. The cake container described in claim 18, wherein:

each of said dimple-receiving cavities has a maximum radial depth (G), and each of said transition locations has a smaller radial depth (E) than the maximum radial depth of a dimple-receiving cavity.